

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 143-148 are currently pending. Claims 143 and 146 are independent and are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed.

Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 146-148 have been amended to overcome the §112 rejection.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the §112 rejection of claims 146-148.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 143-148 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,148,154 to Mackay et al. (hereinafter, merely “Mackay”) in view of U.S.

Patent No. 5,537,528 to Takahashi et al. (hereinafter, merely “Takahashi”) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,644,740 to Kiuchi.

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Independent claim 143 is representative and recites, *inter alia*:

“. . . graphically displaying on the same display said tree structure for said plurality of clips and a time line window for display and placement of clips to be edited on a time axis to designate the content of the edit resultant clip . . .”
(Emphases added)

As understood by Applicants, MacKay discloses, in relevant part, displaying a time line for positioning elements relative to time by placing them on the time line to integrate an element into the overall results. Col. 8 lines 27-46 and FIG. 6. However, MacKay does not disclose both a clip tree window and a time line window on the same display.

Claim 143 recites, “graphically displaying on the same display said tree structure for said plurality of clips and a time line window for display and placement of clips to be edited on a time axis to designate the content of the edit resultant clip.” That is, the graphical user interface (GUI) displays both the tree structure of the clips and the time line of the resultant clips on the same display. Pub. Appl. par. [0131] and FIG. 10.

As discussed in the specification, the time line window is an area for placing the clips to be edited on the time axis to designate the content of edit. The time line displays the contents relating to the composite processing and provides a visual indication for placement and layering of material and resultant clips. On the same display, the clips can be selected from the clip tree window and placed as a layer in the time line window. Pub. Appl. pars [0146] and [0153] and

FIG. 10. This feature distinguishes the present invention over the prior art which do not provide a graphical presentation of both the hierarchical clip tree and time line on the same display.

Neither Kiuchi, Cain nor Takahashi adds the elements discussed above missing from MacKay.

Claim 143 is patentable over Mackay, Takahashi, Cain and Kiuchi because those references taken alone or in combination do teach or suggest each and every element recited in the claim.

For reasons similar or somewhat similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 143, independent claim 146 is also believed to be patentable.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Claims 143-148 are in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, or

references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

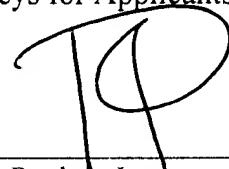
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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